

**CLAIMS**

Kindly amend the claims as follows, without prejudice:

1. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition for administration to a human or an animal comprising a peptide selected from the group consisting of D-Pro D-Tyr D-Val, and D-Leu D-Thr D-Val as an active component.
2. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, being selected from the group consisting of a tablet, a powder, a granule, a pill and an injectable form.
3. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 2, which is an injectable form.
4. (Previously Presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 3, wherein said injectable form is selected from the group consisting of a solution, a suspension and an emulsion.
5. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises from 1 to 100 mg of said peptide.
6. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the N-terminal  $\text{NH}_2$  group is replaced with a  $\text{COOH}$  group and/or the C-terminal  $\text{COOH}$  group is replaced with an  $\text{NH}_2$  group.
7. (Previously Presented) A food composition for administration to a human or an animal comprising a peptide selected from the group consisting of D-Pro D-Tyr D-Val and D-Leu D-Thr D-Val as an active component.
8. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein the N-terminal  $\text{NH}_2$  group is replaced with a  $\text{COOH}$  group and/or the C-terminal  $\text{COOH}$  group is replaced with an  $\text{NH}_2$  group.

9. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 3, wherein the N-terminal  $\text{NH}_2$  group is replaced with a  $\text{COOH}$  group and/or the C-terminal  $\text{COOH}$  group is replaced with an  $\text{NH}_2$  group.

10. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 4, wherein the N-terminal  $\text{NH}_2$  group is replaced with a  $\text{COOH}$  group and/or the C-terminal  $\text{COOH}$  group is replaced with an  $\text{NH}_2$  group.

11. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 5, wherein the N-terminal  $\text{NH}_2$  group is replaced with a  $\text{COOH}$  group and/or the C-terminal  $\text{COOH}$  group is replaced with an  $\text{NH}_2$  group.

12. (New) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the active component is D-Pro D-Tyr D-Val.

13. (New) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 12, wherein the N-terminal  $\text{NH}_2$  group is replaced with a  $\text{COOH}$  group.

14. (New) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the active component is D-Leu D-Thr D-Val.

15. (New) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein the N-terminal  $\text{NH}_2$  group is replaced with a  $\text{COOH}$  group and/or the C-terminal  $\text{COOH}$  group is replaced as an  $\text{NH}_2$  group.